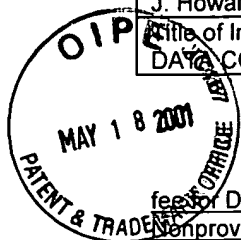


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Title of Invention DATA COMMUNICATION CONTROLLER AND METHOD				



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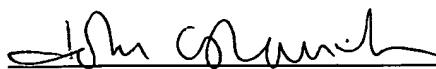
Transmitted herewith is: Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); checks for \$541.00.00 (application fees, surcharge fees for Declaration) and \$40.00 (fee for Assignment Recordal); Response To Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; copy of Notice as required; executed Declaration; Assignment Recordal Sheet; executed Assignment and postcard evidencing receipt.

- ☒ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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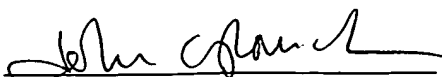
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

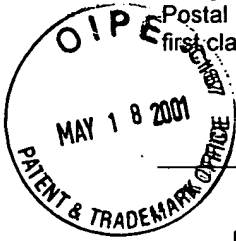

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Serial No.: 09/780,979

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: DATA COMMUNICATION CONTROLLER
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Attention: Manager,
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL
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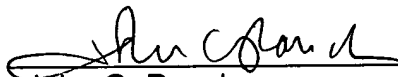
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) Filing Date Granted dated March 14, 2001, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.
- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☒ a small entity. Applicant stipulates that it qualifies for small entity status as defined under §1.9(f).
- ☐ other than small entity.
- ☒ Checks totaling \$541.00 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$355.00.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$65.00.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$121.00.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ Other: Recordation fee for Assignment documents, check for \$40.00 enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 14, 2001


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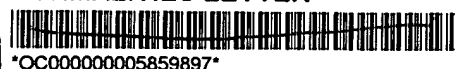
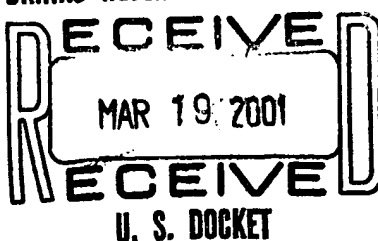
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$242.
 - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20.
 - \$80 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1082.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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